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LAST EDITION WATER'S HAVOC.

Serious Floods Caused by the Heavy Downpour of Rain.

Rivers Overflow and Dams Are Swept Away in New Jersey.

Plainfield Streets Under Water and Danger Ahead.

Negroes in Elizabeth Believed That Another Deluge Had Come.

A Reservoir's Gates Thrown Open to Prevent Disaster.

Orange Valley Suffers, Perhaps, the Most Severely.

Considerable Destruction by Rain All Along the Hudson River.

Dams Swept Down and Streets Flooded—Reservoir Gates Thrown Open.

ELIZABETH, N. J., July 31.—It is raining hard here this morning and the people are very much alarmed. They fear another inundation similar to that of Sept. 20, 1882, when the Elizabeth River overflowed its banks and the freshest carried death and destruction in its path.

So far this time no lives have been lost, but last night was one of terror which the people living on the line of the river will not soon forget.

It was raining at daylight yesterday morning and continued off and on until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when it came down in torrents.

The river rose rapidly, and as darkness fell overflowed the banks.

The water found its way into the cellars of the houses on Harrison, Price and Mulberry streets. It rose gradually, and the occupants of the houses were forced into the upper stories.

A RUSHING TORRENT.

Between 9 and 10 p. m. a report like a peal of thunder was heard, and a few minutes later a torrent of water came rushing down through the river bed, carrying everything before it.

The cause of this sudden outburst was not learned until this morning, when it was found that Bunell's Pond dam, a poor arrangement of wood, about three miles from Elizabeth, in Union Township, had burst about 9.30 p. m. last night and went rushing down the valley, meeting the Salem dam of stone and mortar on its way.

ANOTHER DAM GOES.

It carried it along with it, and the accumulation of water bore down in a mighty stream to the reservoir in the outskirts of the city.

RESERVOIR GATES WERE OPENED.

Fearing for its safety Superintendent Williams ordered the big gates thrown open, which was done only in the nick of time.

The volume of water, mass of the situation, tore along at its own sweet will. There were many hairbreadth escapes from death and much valuable property was destroyed.

WATER UP TO THE SECOND STORIES.

Following the incoming of the great volume of water the houses on the line rapidly filled as high as the second stories.

The greatest terror ensued in Price street, the negro quarter.

The superstitious colored people thought the deluge had surely come again, and they prepared for death.

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Gathering on the house-tops, they sang camp-meeting hymns, shouted and swung the American flag. A few bottles of whiskey were introduced some way and diverted their thoughts from death, and then the spectacle became one wild orgie.

From religious hymns they turned to plantation songs and laughter, and while the rain poured, the thunder rolled and the lightning flashed, the negroes defied death and had a jolly good time.

They were sober and sorry this morning, trying to rescue their effects, which were swimming around in the cellars of their houses.

HELPING THOSE IN PERIL.

Police Sergt. Hess and a newspaper correspondent named Michael Gannon were out nearly all night rendering what aid they could to those most in peril.

When it became generally known this morning that the West-Orange Railroad bridge across the branch of the Second River had been washed away the alarm increased.

A BRIDGE SWIFT AWAY.

The bridge was built of wood laid upon stone abutments. It was about twenty feet high and the same length.

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POURING TO-DAY.

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